

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

February 6, 2008

Admiral Thad Allen
Commandant
United States Coast Guard
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Washington, DC 20593

Dear Admiral Allen,

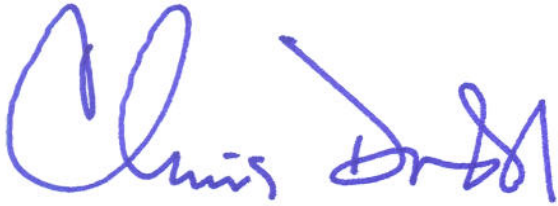
We write today concerning the final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) released on January 11 regarding the proposed Broadwater Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Storage and Regasification Facility. As the lead agency for evaluating the safety and security of the facility, including its potential impact on the surrounding environment, we are greatly concerned that this structure could have significant and permanent adverse impacts on the health of Long Island Sound's fragile ecosystem.

Long Island Sound is a treasure shared by the citizens of Connecticut and New York, who have invested billions of dollars in efforts to preserve the Sound and clean up decades of pollution. A bi-state effort led to the Sound's designation as an estuary of national significance, and we strongly believe that the approval of Broadwater would be a dangerous step toward industrializing the Sound. More than \$5.5 billion is generated annually for the region from activities dependent on the health of Long Island Sound. When completed, this terminal would be an enormous floating platform over 1200 feet long and 200 feet wide and rising 80 feet above sea level. It would require a fixed circular safety zone encompassing 950 acres from which all recreational and commercial vessels would be excluded. Moreover, there would be a larger moving safety zone around LNG carriers as they entered the Sound to offload at the Broadwater terminal. All this would combine to drastically impact the natural beauty of the Sound as well as the recreational activities so vital to the region.

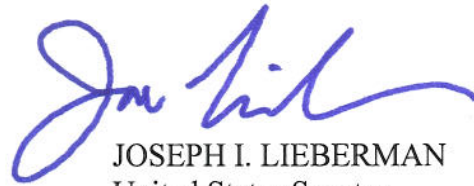
The Congressional Research Service finds that most studies of the hazards and risks of LNG terminals are inconclusive and incomplete. Therefore, any attempts to predict these risks may prove inherently inaccurate. There is no disputing that LNG is a hazardous material, highly flammable and sometimes explosive. Accidental release of LNG could lead to a widespread and uncontrollable fire as LNG burns more intensely and rapidly than oil or gasoline. It is also widely accepted that LNG tankers and facilities pose a threat as targets for possible terrorist attacks. A recent report by the Government Accountability Office found that the U.S. Coast Guard has insufficient resources to meet its own security standards for tasks such as escorting LNG tankers. The addition of a large new LNG terminal in the vicinity of major metropolitan areas would only add to this burden.

As elected representatives of Connecticut, we understand the need for increased energy resources in our state and across the Northeast. However, we believe Broadwater is the wrong approach. Any benefits derived from augmenting the natural gas supply are outweighed by the potential dangers to public safety and the environment, as well as its negative impacts on the use of Long Island Sound for recreational activities critical to the region's economy. As you conduct your final review before issuing a Letter of Recommendation, we urge you in the strongest possible terms to recommend disapproval of the Broadwater project by determining Long Island Sound as an unsuitable waterway for the floating storage and regasification unit.

Sincerely,



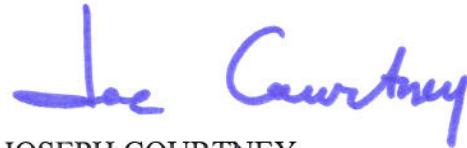
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